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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER DESAI ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH CANADA AND
PAKISTAN

1. JUNE 18 DELHI PRESS CARRIES VARYING ACCOUNTS OF
PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S STATEMENT IN THE LOK SABHA ON
JUNE 17 REGARDING INDO-CANADIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION.
SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT THAT THE PM TOLD HOUSE THAT
INDIA AND CANADA HAD AGREED TO RESUME COOPERATION IN
THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
THE "STATESMAN" AND "TIMES OF INDIA", HOWEVER, REPORT
THAT DESAI SAID THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE AGREED TO
MAKE EFFORTS TO RESUME NUCLEAR COOPERATION. DESAI HAD
RETURNED EARLY THE MORNING OF JUNE 17 FROM THE COMMON-
WEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON, AND HIS REMARKS IN THE LOK
SABHA WERE IN THE CONTEXT OF A REPORT ON HIS TALKS WITH
PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH LEADERS.
(WE ARE SEEKING A CLARIFICATION OF HIS REMARKS.)

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2. DESAI STOPPED OFF IN PARIS ON HIS RETURN TRIP TO
DELHI FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND PRIME
MINISTER BARRE. SEVERAL DELHI NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRY
A SAMACHAR ITEM DATED PARIS JUNE 17 WHICH GIVES
AN ACCOUNT OF DESAI'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN PARIS. IN
RESPONSE TO PERSISTENT QUESTIONS ON INDIA'S NUCLEAR
POLICY, DESAI IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID: "WE WON'T EVEN

THINK OF PRODUCING ATOMIC WEAPONS LEAVE ALONE WORKING
TOWARDS IT." THE 1974 EXPLOSION "HAD NO RELATION TO
OUR ATOMIC CAPABILITY IN A MILITARY SENSE," HE ADDED.
"IT WAS CONDUCTED AS AN EXPERIMENT FOR PACEFUL USES OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER
INDIA WOULD COOPERATE WITH PAKISTAN ON THE PEACEFUL
USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, DESAI IS REPORTED TO HAVE REPLIED THAT
IF PAKISTAN WANTED TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL
PURPOSES, INDIA WOULD BE READY TO HELP. PM WAS QUOTED AS
ADDING "BUT WE MUST HAVE AN ASSURANCE ON THIS POSITION
FROM PAKISTAN. AS A COUNTRY WHICH WILL PROVIDE THEM
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW THEIR USE. GOHEEN

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